**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE SUMTER NATIVE DR. AUDREY POTTS NEAL ON HER LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS AS A COMMITTED EDUCATOR AND CHURCHWOMAN AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Sumter native Dr. Audrey Potts Neal attended Morris College, where she received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, followed by a master’s degree in education from South Carolina State University. She has done further study at the University of South Carolina and received a doctorate in humane letters from Morris College; and

Whereas, nearly all of her career has been in the field of education, beginning when she served as a third‑grade teacher at Fleming Elementary School in Lynchburg and then in various capacities at Morris College, including instructor and administrator; and

Whereas, after leaving Morris College, Dr. Neal served one year at Gadsden Elementary School. She taught at Carver‑Lyon Elementary School in Columbia for twenty‑eight years and served as grade‑level chair. Dr. Neal also served as a reading interventionist, Advanced Academic Programs contact person, coordinator of after‑school programs, and coordinator of the Saturday Academy at Carver‑Lyon. She is now a retired educator; and

Whereas, active in both professional and community organizations, as well as in religious work, she was a member of the Southern College Placement Association, American Association of Higher Education, South Carolina Education Association, Columbia Area Reading Council, Association of Schools and Curriculum Development, and South Carolina Association of Schools and Black Educators. As a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., she also has served as assistant grammateus of the Southeastern region; and

Whereas, her service to religious organizations is extensive. She is a member of the International Association of Ministers’ Wives and Widows Alliance, Inc., and of the Interdenominational Ministers’ Wives and Widows Alliance of Columbia, which she has served as president. Further, she has served as president of the Wateree Woman’s Convention, Upper Division, as well as financial and recording secretary of the Woman’s Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Neal is currently serving as president of the Woman’s Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina; second vice president of the Women’s Department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Southern region; chair of the Program Committee in the Women’s Department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; and member of the trustee boards of Morris College and Benedict College. She also is a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church, where she takes part in the Missions Ministry, Sunday School, and Women’s Department of the Midlands Baptist Association Executive Board. She also serves as advisor to the Young Woman’s Auxiliary; and

Whereas, Dr. Neal has not gone unappreciated. She was elected 1993‑1994 Teacher of the Year for Carver Elementary. For 1990‑1991, she was chosen Miss Baptist for the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina. In 1978, she received an Outstanding Young Women of America award; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Dr. Neal has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing her well as she continues serving in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Sumter native Dr. Audrey Potts Neal on her lifetime of achievements as a committed educator and churchwoman and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Audrey Potts Neal.

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